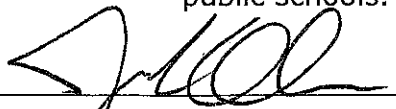


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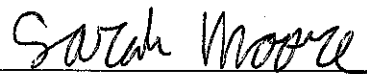
- WHEREAS, just one blistering sunburn in childhood or adolescence may double the chances of developing melanoma later in life, and
- WHEREAS, school-based programs on sun safety are an effective way to teach children at an early age how to protect themselves and help decrease their risk of developing skin cancer as adults, and
- WHEREAS, the American Association for Cancer Research recognizes May as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month, and
- WHEREAS, the Skin Cancer Foundation and the American Academy of Dermatology recognize May as Skin Cancer Awareness Month, and
- WHEREAS, the traditional school year in Arkansas ends in May, and
- WHEREAS, many end-of-school-year and summer activities occur outdoors, exposing skin to sun and increasing the risk of sunburn and skin damage from ultraviolet (UV) rays, and
- WHEREAS, sunburns and skin damage are avoidable with proper precautions, and
- WHEREAS, Miss Natural State Teen Mallory Stuckey from Rison, Arkansas, has selected sun safety as her platform and shares her concerns and advocacy efforts across the state of Arkansas and was recognized by the State Board of Education on February 8, 2024, for her efforts around sun safety,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

we, the members of the Arkansas State Board of Education, recognize May 2024 as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month and May 6 -10, 2024, as Sun Safety Week in Arkansas public schools.


Secretary Jacob Oliva

April 11, 2024



Chair Sarah Moore

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